

AGENDA ITEM 6: Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) appointments and DPAC report

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Presented by: Erik Vink (DPAC Appointments) and Mark Pruner (DPAC report)

Requested Action: Consider appointments to DPAC and receive DPAC report

DPAC background: Public Resources Code section 29753(a) requires the Commission to appoint at least one advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding the diverse interests in the Delta. The statute further states that “the advisory committee shall include representatives of state agencies and other stakeholders with interests in the Delta’s ecosystem, water supply, and socioeconomic sustainability, including, but not limited to, its recreational, agricultural, flood control, environmental, and water resources, and state, local and utility infrastructure. The Commission shall encourage participation of various federal agencies, including the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and others as appropriate.”

DPAC has met regularly since the majority of its members were appointed in March 2014. The Committee has provided input to the Commission on the Vision 2030 strategic plan and levee policy, and is poised to provide input on the proposed Land Use and Resource Management Plan update, among other matters.

The Commission appoints members to DPAC. DPAC members are appointed for three-year terms and are able to be re-appointed, according to the DPAC charter. At present, 14 positions on DPAC are open for appointment/re-appointment; one of the DPAC Delta recreation representatives (Kathy Bunton) was appointed to a full three-year term in July 2016.

Commission staff solicited applications for DPAC and the Commission received 30 applications. Commission Chair Skip Thomson and Vice-Chair Oscar Villegas met with Executive Director Vink to review the applications and make the following recommended appointments to DPAC:

Gilbert Labrie and Barbara Daly (Delta business)
David Strecker and Reni Della Maggiore (Delta agriculture)
Judah Grossman and Craig Watanabe (Delta conservation/habitat entity)
Linda Gifford (Delta recreation)
Mark Pruner (Delta organization)
Melinda Terry (Delta flood entity)
Jason Peltier (Delta water exporter)

Sam Garcia (Delta utility/related infrastructure)

Sam Arditi (Delta general public)

Jim Starr and Edward Hard (State agency)

A full list of the applicants to DPAC are included on pages 3-5.

DPAC members as of May 2017 are: Mark Pruner (Delta organization); Gilbert Labrie and Bill Wells (Delta business); David Strecker and Al Medvitz (Delta agriculture); Jack Michael and Kathy Bunton (Delta recreation); Melinda Terry (Delta flood entity); Barbara Daly (Delta general public); Jim Starr and Ramona Fernandez (State agency); Aaron Will and Judah Grossman (Delta conservation/habitat entity); Byron Buck (Delta water exporter); Mark Krausse (Delta utility/related infrastructure). DPAC members may designate an alternate to attend meetings in their absence.

DELTA PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**2017 APPLICANTS (14 vacancies)**

First Name	Last Name	Background	County / Community	Category	E-mail	Current DPAC
Mark	Pruner	Current DPAC member and Chair; North Delta C.A.R.E.S.	Yolo / Clarksburg	DO, DB, GP	mpruner@prunerlaw.com	yes
Melinda	Terry	Current DPAC member; CA Central Valley Flood Control Assoc.	Sacramento / Sacramento	DFE, DO, GP	melinda@floodassociation.net	yes
Jack	Michael	Current DPAC member; member of RBOC	Stanislaus / Modesto	DR, GP	jackrmichael13@sbcglobal.net	yes
Barbara	Daly	Current DPAC member; North Delta C.A.R.E.S. and Delta HeartBeat tours; CA Delta Chambers of Commerce	Yolo / Clarksburg	DB, DO, GP	bdalymn@citlink.net	yes
Al	Medvitz	Current DPAC member; McCormack Sheep and Grain	Solano / Rio Vista	DA	amedvitz@frontier.net	yes
David	Strecker	Current DPAC member; Strecker Ranch	San Joaquin / Stockton	DA	farmerdave55@hotmail.com	yes
Judah	Grossman	Current DPAC member; The Nature Conservancy project manager on McCormack-Williamson Tract	Sacramento / Sacramento	C/H-NGO	jgrossman@tnc.org	yes
Aaron	Will	Current DPAC member; Ducks Unlimited Regional Biologist	Sacramento / Sacramento	C/H-NGO	awill@ducks.org	yes
Jim	Starr	Current DPAC member; CDFW program manager	San Joaquin / Stockton	State	jim.starr@wildlife.ca.gov	yes
Edward	Hard	Current DPAC alternate member; State Parks Div. of Boating and Waterways manager	Sacramento / Sacramento	State	edward.hard@parks.ca.gov	yes
Gilbert	Labrie	Current DPAC member; DCC Engineering	Sacramento / Walnut Grove	DB, DO, GP	GLabrie@DCCEng.net	yes
Sam	Garcia	Current DPAC Alternate member; PG&E	Sacramento / Sacramento	DUI	SRGJ@pge.com	yes
Jason	Peltier	State and Federal Contractors Water Agency Chair; Walnut	Sacramento / Walnut Grove	DWE	jason.peltier@sldmw.org	no

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		Grove resident				
James	Cox	Sportfishing charter captain with 44 years experience as a fishing guide in the Delta; President, California Striped Bass Association	Contra Costa (Antioch)	DR	jimcoxsportfishing@yahoo.com	no
Jane	Dickson	River Pear Orchards owner; retired college teaching instructor	Sacramento / Walnut Grove	DA, DB, GP	janefdickson@gmail.com	no
Jim	Houpt	semi-retired attorney; Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway	Sacramento / Sacramento	DR	jhoupt@houptlaw.com	no
Gerald	Dinelli	RD 1607 (Van Sickle Island) President; Contra Costa County FB board member	Antioch / Contra Costa	DO	gcdinelli@comcast.net	no
Sue	Higgins	Mayor of Oakley; registered nurse	Oakley / Contra Costa	DO	higgins@ci.oakley.ca.us	no
Craig	Watanabe	Manager of CCRC Farms (Mandeville Island); Tuscany Research Institute	San Joaquin / Lodi	DA, C/H, NGO	cwatanabe@ccrcfarms.com	no
James	Geary	retired attorney; Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway	Sacramento / Sacramento	DR	jfgeary2@comcast.net	no
Linda	Gifford	retired human resources professional; recreational boater interested in abandoned vessels	Solano / Rio Vista	DR, GP	leendaz@sbcglobal.net	no
Jan	Vick	Former Commission member and Rio Vista Mayor; Chair of Rio Vista Army Base Steering Committee	Solano / Rio Vista	DB, GP	seawingian@gmail.com	no
Reni	Della Maggiore	Delta farmer and ag real estate broker	San Joaquin / Stockton	DB, DA	renidellamaggiore@msn.com	no
Michael	Dupray	Lawrence Livermore national Laboratory technician and Oakley resident	Oakley / Contra Costa	GP	mr2dupray@yahoo.com	no

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Fred	Taverner	Retired tech industry executive and DB resident	Discovery Bay / Contra Costa	DR , GP	ftaverner@yahoo.com	no
Todd	Scruggs	Software business owner and DB resident	Discovery Bay / Contra Costa	DR , GP	todds2000@gmail.com	no
Charles	Helfrick	Retired CPA and DB resident	Discovery Bay / Contra Costa	DR , GP	bhelfrick@mhtb.com	no
Sam	Arditi	Tech industry executive (Boat Innovation) and DB resident	Discovery Bay/Contra Costa	DB , DR , GP	sam.arditi@boatinnovation.com	no
Bridgette	Tharp	"Discovery Bay Neighbors" associate publisher and DB resident	Discovery Bay / Contra Costa	DR	bridgette.tharp@gmail.com	no
Michael	Haight	Dredge Master with Weeks Marine Inc.; Delta recreational boater and DB resident	Discovery Bay / Contra Costa	DB , DR , GP	haightm@gmail.com	no

DB = Delta Business; **DR** = Delta Recreation; **DO** = Delta Organization; **GP** = Delta General Public; **DA** = Delta Agriculture;

DFE = Delta Flood Entity; **C/H-NGO** = Conservation/Habitat NGO; **DU** = Delta Utility/Infrastructure; **DWE** = Delta Water Exporter

Bold font means that person currently represents that slot on DPAC as a member or alternate